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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM CHIEF MINISTER MANCHAM TO GOVERNOR
OF SEYCHELLES

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GOVERNOR FROM CHIEF
MINISTER JAMES MANCHAM.

QUOTE TALKS HAVE GONE WELL. WILL PROVIDE FULL REPORT UPON
RETURN. MEANWHILE PLEASE ISSUE THE FOLLOWING RELEASES
ON ALTERNATE WEEK DAYS IN BULLETIN AND OVER RADIO.

RELEASE ONE: CHIEF MINISTER JAMES R. MANCHAM WHO ARRIVED
WASHINGTON D.C. ON SUNDAY 4TH MAY STARTED TALKS EARLY
MONDAY 5TH MAY AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WITH U.S. ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS NATHANIEL DAVIS.
AFTERWARDS ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS AND U.S. AMBASSADOR
ANTHONY MARSHALL JOINTLY HOSTED A LUNCHEON PARTY IN HONOUR
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OF MR. MANCHAM AT THE COSMOS CLUB. IN AN ADDRESS ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DAVIS SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES WELCOMED SEY-
CHELLES MARCH TOWARD INDEPENDENCE AND WISH TO MAINTAIN
FRIENDLY TIES. MR. MANCHAM SAID THAT GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE

OF SEYCHELLES EXPECTED ALL FRIENDLY NATIONS TO HELP THEM
MAKE INDEPENDENCE A MEANINGFUL AND NOBLE VENTURE.

RELEASE TWO: THE SEYCHELLES WILL APPLY TO BECOME A MEMBER
OF THE WORLD BANK UPON INDEPENDENCE CHIEF MINISTER JAMES
R. MANCHAM STATED IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON TUESDAY 6TH MAY
FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH MR. MICHAEL WIEHEN, DIRECTOR OF
EASTERN AFRICAN COUNTRY PROGRAMS OF THE WORLD BANK. MR.
MANCHAM NOTED WITH INTEREST THE VARIOUS PROJECTS WHICH
THE WORLD BANK HAD FINANCED IN MAURITIUS AND EAST AFRICA
IN RECENT MONTHS. ON TUESDAY THE CHIEF MINISTER ALSO HAD
DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. MITCHELL KOBELINSKY, MEMBER OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK, AND WITH
DR. SAMUEL ADAMS, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR AID
TO AFRICA WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. MR. MANCHAM SAID
THAT WITH INDEPENDENCE ON THE WAY TIME HAD COME FOR THE
U.S. TO DEVELOP A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH SEYCHELLES.

RELEASE THREE: OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL
VISIT SEYCHELLES IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE TO CON-
SIDER VARIOUS PROPOSITIONS CHIEF MINISTER JAMES R. MANCHAM
SAID ON WEDNESDAY EVENING FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMAN-
SHIP OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MULCAHY. MR. MANCHAM,
WHO CALLED FOR RETURN OF BIOT ISLANDS TO SEYCHELLES, STAT-
ED THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH TALKS HELD WITH U.S. GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS AND WAS CONFIDENT U.S. WILL COMPLEMENT
BRITISH AND OTHER EFFORTS TO ENABLE SEYCHELLES INDEPENDENCE
TO BECOME SOMETHING MEANINGFUL. MR. MANCHAM LATER ATTEND-
ED A DINNER PARTY GIVEN BY MR. AND MRS. WENDELL COOTE.
MR. MANCHAM WAS DUE IN NEW YORK ON FRIDAY WHERE A TIGHT
PROGRAM OF ENGAGEMENTS COVERING ONE WEEK AWAITED HIM. END
OF THIRD RELEASE.

CONVEY MY GREETINGS TO MINISTERS, LOVE TO RICHARD AND
FAMILY, AND KIND PERSONAL REGARDS TO YOU. JAMES MANCHAM
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